



# Home-School Connection

## October 2023



### Dates to Remember

Oct. 3 EPTSO Meeting - 6:00 pm  
Oct. 5 Emergency Early Release Day - dismissed 15 minutes early  
Oct. 6 Staff Development Day  
Oct. 9 **NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day**  
Oct. 11 Family Enrichment Night 5:30-6:30 pm  
Oct. 18 PBIS School Spirit - Wear Orange for Unity Day  
Adventure Club Field Trip - Kane Mountain Fire Tower  
Oct. 19 BOE Meeting 7 pm  
Oct. 20 K-5 Progress Reports go home with students  
Oct. 23-Nov. 3 EPTSO Boosterthon  
Oct. 30 Just Run Regional Meet  
Oct. 31 Halloween Parade 8:00 am

### Absence Excuse

In the event your child is absent from school, please send in a signed written note on the day he/she returns to school to excuse him/her, as required by NYS law. If you have communicated the absence(s) to the nurse, it is **NOT** an excused absence, a written excuse is still needed. Please include in the note the date(s) of absence(s) and the reason for the absence(s). It is school policy that if an excuse is not received within three days of absence, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

### EPTSO Corner

**Elementary-** This month we are looking forward to our 4th annual Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest! Trophies and prizes will be awarded. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

**Parents-** We are excited to kick off our Fall Fundraiser on October 23rd. Be on the lookout for more information about our Run-A-Thon!

**Teachers-** Please remember we are here to support you however we can. We are continually grateful for your dedication and support of our students.

**Students-** Stop in and choose a free book from the Little Free Library in front of the elementary office. Remember to read for 20 minutes everyday!

**Organization-** In order to continue providing for our students and staff we need more volunteers. Please join us at the Schoharie Free Library on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

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### FROM MRS. POLIKOSKI, THE PRINCIPAL

We are so grateful to have our students back at school with us. September was a busy month of learning routines and developing classroom communities where children can be taught at their instructional level. We appreciate the efforts all members of our community have made to make the start of school a great one!

Please remember that students must arrive at school at 7:45 in the morning. If they are dropped off at 7:55 or later, they are tardy and need to be signed in by a legal guardian. Also, please arrive for parent pick up by 2:06. Staff need to be in meetings and at after school work responsibilities once your children are picked up, so please be prompt. We appreciate your timeliness, which allows us to ensure everyone can learn and do their jobs to the best of their ability.

After school programs start October 2, in grades 2-5. Students are enjoying a much wider variety of opportunities beyond band, choir, and Just Run. We are continuing to offer a gaming club, Lego Robotics, Student Council, Adventure Club, Book Club, Intramurals and Newspaper Club.

October is National Bully Prevention Month. At the elementary age, there is a lot of learning to be done on how to prevent and stop bullying. The most important thing you can ask your child if they talk to you about bullying is, "Who did you tell?" If we don't know, we can't stop it. Together, we can.

### Message from Your School Nurse:

Please stay vigilant in monitoring your student for illness on a daily basis. If they are displaying any symptoms, please keep them home and call the Nurse's Office at 518-295-6660, for further guidance.

If your student had an annual physical over the summer, please request that a copy is sent to the School Nurse. It can be faxed to 518-295-9506.

**A written excuse with your signature is still required, even if you have communicated the absence to me.**

### Counselor's Corner

September's character trait was self-control and we have been working all month on developing that skill with daily announcements and setting classroom expectations. Your students are off to a great start!

October's character trait will be integrity. We will be talking about how it is important to do what is right even when no one is looking. We will be setting a community goal of being respectful and using appropriate manners in common areas. We will be modeling saying hello when greeting someone and saying please and thank you!



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